

REMARKS

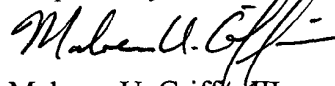
By this amendment Claims 1-10, 19 and 20 are cancelled, Claims 11-18 remain pending, and new Claims 21-31 are added. Further, the specification was amended to claim priority from the parent patent application. In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and requests an allowance of each of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts that the cited art references do not disclose or teach the invention disclosed by newly added claims. As such, Applicant requests allowance of Claims 11-31. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

Respectfully submitted,

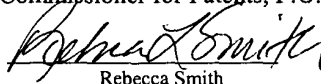


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